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MONITORING WATER CONSUMPTION
AND FILTER USAGE

Attorney Docket No.: 10677-010-999



**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71
WITH STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified subject application hereby appoints Practitioners at Customer Number 20583 and Brett Lovejoy, Reg. No. 42,813, all of Jones Day, whose address is 222 East 41st Street, New York, New York 10017, as its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and their attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 3.71.

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Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

Fook Tin Technologies Ltd. states that it is:

- ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

The extent (by, percentage) of its ownership interest is %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above.
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- ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above,
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

ASSIGNEE: Fook Tin Technologies Ltd.

Date: 12 Aug, 2004

Signature: _____

Typed Name: **John Y. Chai**

Position/Title: **Executive Director**

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, JOHN Y. CHAI, SUNNY N. CHAI AND DEREK C. KO, ASSIGNORS, all citizens of Hong Kong, residing at 8-10 Chun Fai Road, Block B, Flat B2, Elm Tree Towers, Jardines Lookout, Hong Kong, 39, Perkins Road, Flat 4A, Pinewood Gardens, Jardines Lookout, Hong Kong, and Block B, 19th floor, Tower 1, Tierra Verde, Tsing Yi, NT, Hong Kong, respectively, are the inventors of the invention in APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR MONITORING WATER CONSUMPTION AND FILTER USAGE for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

☒ which is identified by Jones Day docket no. 10677-010-999

☒ which was filed on April 19, 2004, Application No. 10/828,484

and WHEREAS, FOOK TIN TECHNOLOGIES LTD., ASSIGNEE, having a place of business at Room 401, Eastern Centre, 1065 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 12 AUG. 2004, 2004


John Y. Chai

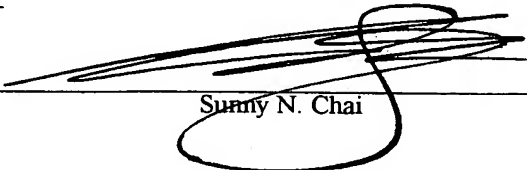
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